

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The convention of the Virginia Farmers Alliance met in Richmond to-day. It is believed the convention will pronounce its

A warrant was issued yesterday in Stafford for the arrest of James G. Collier, assistant postmaster at Fostersville, that county, charged with burning the store and postoffice lists at that place. A search warrant was also issued for mail pouches, stamps etc.

The court martial which has been in session at the Norfolk navy yard for the past week trying the case of pay clerk James R. Van Vranken, charged with stealing government property, closed last evening. The finding of the court will be submitted to the Secretary of the Navy, and the result announced from Washington.

The local-option fight grows hotter in

Stanton every day. Rev. John Hester, colored, and Earl Jones are both there for the no-fee side. A great deal of hard feeling exists, and grows worse every day. The election takes place next Saturday, and much trouble is feared. The liquor trade in Stanton is a good thing. There are four wholesale houses there.

A dreadful murder was committed at Buchanan, Bateout county, on Saturday night. While O. Mosca, an Italian stone contractor, was returning from the town to his camp, about 9 o'clock, he was assaulted by two negroes, who demanded his money. He refused to deliver and his assailants immediately began firing. Three shots took effect, and he was dead before assistance arrived. The negroes made their escape.

At Abingdon yesterday Mrs. Gilmer came to court heavily veiled, and leaning upon the arm of Colonel Sumner. She was called to appear at the August term. Neither side being ready, on motion for adjournment in the case of Dr. Baker, court was adjourned until to-day. The affidavits of sev-

public responsive citizens who made no mistake in reflecting that one or more of the jurors had been absent and could be others during the trial, and in conversation with outside parties. The defense claim that this fact is sufficient in itself to have the verdict set aside. Public sympathy seems to be chafing in favor of the prisoner.

Dixville county, more of the line of the St. Petersburg and Watton Railroad, in the vicinity of Beam's Station, and also along the line of the Norfolk and Western Railroad, in the neighborhood of Church Road Station, was visited Saturday evening by a most violent wind and hail storm. The storm extended over a large area. Corn was blown down for miles, and tobacco was almost completely ruined by the hail. The tobacco was not so much injured as the corn. Some plants had their entire crop ruined. The hail was also very destructive to other vegetation, and the loss to the farmers by the storm will be

considerable. The crops were also badly washed by the heavy rain which followed.

Mohammedan Feast.

Passengers who reached Richmond yesterday morning on the O. D. Indian steamer tell of a strange sight they saw Sunday evening when they passed Newport News. It was the celebration by Mohammedans of the feast of Hakeem Jabeen, or the coming of the new year. These folk are from Bombay, India, about fifty in number, and are employed on the steamship Hejzen, Capt. J. M. Clubb, which is now at Newport News loading grain for Havre, France. The officers of the vessel are all English gentlemen. The steamer is most of the time in the Mediterranean Sea. The feast which the East Indians began to celebrate Sunday commences with the new moon of August and lasts two days, during which time religious services, resembling a marriage ceremony, are performed by the priests.

persons sitting in the pews, while the other participants join hands and march around, singing and bowing. During one part of the service they had one of their party marked upon the body with paint in several colors. He represented the Evil One, and his duty was to dance until he became exhausted, thus representing the vanishing of the evil spirit. One man who took this important part danced until he fell full length on the ground, apparently insensible. He recovered after being bent upon the body by his comrades, and after one of them had blown his breath into his ear.

The feast was finished Sunday evening by the whole party dancing around to the music of the fiddle and guitar. They then went to the water, offered prayer, and then went aboard for a swim. Returning they dined in the usual manner, and the feast concluded by eating rice and small fish from a bowl which was placed in the centre of the party.

These people will neither eat nor drink from anything other than their own, nor will they use any one else to cook for them. Their food is rice and fish. One thing peculiar to them is they never eat with the left hand, using the right only.

Some of these people had rings on their toes, which signified that they had wives. A crowd of persons were much interested in the strange religious exercises.—*Rich. State.*

Ingalls Deserts the Man and Brother.

Ex-Senator Ingalls was introduced to an Atlanta audience the other evening in highly complimentary

contary language by the Mayor of that southern town. In acknowledging the compliment Mr. Triggs is reported as saying that it had been a mistake to enfranchise the negro, and that the people of the North would uphold white supremacy just as zealously as the southern people do of the former where the latter are.

This deliverance reminds one of the ex-Sensor's introductory remarks in his recent address before the Lakeside assembly at Madison, Wis. He said on that occasion, it will be remembered, that all men in public life were cowards. And he admitted that he was a coward himself when he said that he was a coward inferior from his An-

Mr. Ingalls, having deliberately thrown the negro overboard, finds himself left, as a republican, with only one plank in his platform—the 'spoliation of the public lands'—and he has grown courageous since he left public life. It may have been because he was a coward that he did not express himself to the same effect when he was in the Senate. It may be in the hope of getting back to the Senate through some Southern State that he expresses himself that way now. Besides being a coward, the politician is sly. One can never tell quite sure that he thoroughly means anything he says.

A SUFFRAGED MIRACLE.—A supposed miraculous cure of a cripple at the foot of the altar is reported in Boston. During the services Saturday at the Church of Our Lady, of Perpetual Help, Mrs. Catherine Garland, of Soughton, Mass., who is temporarily in the city, and who has for several years been the most helpless cripple, was present at the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin. During the service she felt a peculiar sensation of distress and faintness, followed by an accession of strength. Raising up her crutches aside and walked out of the church. Several previous miraculous cures have been reported from this shrine.

TWINS AT FIFTY CENTS EACH—A young woman living near Isabella, Ala., recently gave birth to twins. Mrs. Alford, a farmer's wife, with no children of her own, learning that the young mother desired to dispose of her offsprings offered to adopt the babes. The mother demanded 50 cents apiece for the infants, and when the price was paid gladly gave them up.

ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES.

PARIS, Aug. 18.—King Alexander of Serbia, and his father, ex-King Milan, are guests of President Carnot. At the election for President of the French Councils General, M. Rouvier, M. Ferry and others made speeches in which references were made to the visit of the French fleet to Cronstadt and the friendship between France and Russia in Europe.

LONDON, Aug. 18.—At Chelmsford this morning, Sadler, the man who stabbed and killed the husband of his paramour, suffered the death penalty for his crime.

LEEDS, Aug. 18.—At a meeting of the Leeds Millers Association to-day, it was decided to make a further advance in the

say that winter sown rye is estimated to produce eighty-two per cent. of an average harvest.

LONDON, Aug. 18.—The *Times* to-day refers to the encouraging prospects ahead for the English farmer, saying that given good weather for a fortnight, the wheat crop of Great Britain will be a good average one. Pro-

LEEDS, Aug. 18.—William Turner, the murderer of little Barbara Waterhouse, was hanged here this morning. Turner protested his innocence to the last. On June 6, the child only 5 years of age, mysteriously disappeared, and was not found until midnight June 10, when a policeman found her body wrapped in a bundle and lying in a street close to the Town Hall. The child's abdomen had been signed upon, so that the intestines

ore closed. There were ninety odd del-
ates present. President Paul delivered
s annual address in which he said
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ge hundred and two million dollars less
oney in circulation notwithstanding the ac-
umulation of billions of wealth and mil-
people was attributable to the establish-

to the report that at the late meeting between representatives of the State and of the foreign bondholders there was only a difference of sixty thousand dollars preventing a final settlement of the State debt; for if it can be shown that the advances of this State will justify the acceptance of this difference with

CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—The feeling in the wheat and corn pits was very different this morning from that manifested at the opening yesterday. The wild flurry and excitement had all passed away and fluctuations were reduced to nearly their normal range. An active market. The board of trade's general report quoted spot wheat at 1.00 1/2.

The corn pit was very quiet, opening lower at 63. September sold to 62½, rallied to 63½, receded to 63, and stood at 63½ at 10 o'clock. Provisions were quiet. September pork opened unchanged at \$9.95, sold to \$9.90, and rallied to \$10 at 10 o'clock. September rye which closed yesterday at 83½ offered this morning at 82.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 18.—Charles Lawrence, ex-assistant cashier of the broken Keystone National Bank, who yesterday pleaded guilty in the U. S. district court to the indictments charging him with conspiracy with Gideon W. Marsh, president of the bank, to make false entries, was this morning sentenced by Judge Phipps to a term of

Shot His Daughter.
OSCEOLA, Ia., Aug. 18. — Yesterday morning while the family were at the breakfast table a dispute arose between M. Ahern, a farmer, and his wife and during the quarrel, the daughter, aged 14 years, made some remark that angered her father, whereupon he deliberately drew his revolver and shot her in the back while she was attempting to make her escape. The girl cannot recover. The community is greatly incensed over the crime and threats of violence are frequently heard.

The Hopkins Searls Will Contest.
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18.—An attorney acting for Timothy Hopkins has started a suit to contest the will of the late Mrs. Hopkins Searls. It is rumored that a proposition has been made to give Hopkins \$5,000,000 and allow Huntington to retain control of the stock of the Southern Pacific, provided Hopkins would agree not to enter suit against the estate of his former mother.

Extensive Fire

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.
The firm of Johnston, Tallman & Co., importers and dealers in fireworks, notions and toys, in New York, made an unfortunate day.
Damon's extensive safe and iron works in Cambridge, near Boston, were destroyed by fire to day, entailing heavy loss. The loss is estimated at \$350,000.
There were 149 deaths in Milwaukee, Wis., at the St. Nicholas hospital, during the

A dispatch from Bozen, an Austrian town, announces the partial destruction of the village of Kollman through a cloudburst. A torrent swept through the village, carrying away men and cattle, and destroying half the houses. Many persons were drowned.

Last evening while bathing in the Red river at Grand Forks, N. D., Rev. W. T. Currie, of St. Paul's, Episcopal Church, his daughter, and Miss Van Kirk were drowned.

The sensational dispatches from Shanghai concerning alleged naval action to be taken there are not sustained by news received in Washington.

In July and early in August a notice was posted at the court house, by the husband, warning the public against crediting his wife as she had deserted his bed and board. This is the second case in which Mr. Crismond played the dual role of clerk and minister which turned out badly. Our friend is acknowledged to be one of the most accomplished clerks in the State and we have no doubt he issues licenses all right; but he

They want to see a male child recently born to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Whitehead. I thought part human and part animal. The child was born alive, and is doing well. Mr. Whitehead, prior to the advent of the catastrophe, gave birth to six healthy, perfect and well-developed children. Four of these are fully developed, and weigh about eight pounds. After birth, it seemed dead, but

The national regatta began at Washington this morning.